

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, ELAB, CO  
SUBJ: GENERAL STRIKE MAY DISRUPT COLOMBIAN AIR TRAFFIC  
SEPTEMBER 14

1. COLOMBIA'S FOUR LABOR CONFEDERATION ARE TODAY (SEPTEMBER 12) COMPLETING THEIR PLANS TO HOLD A NATIONWIDE 24-HOUR GENERAL STRIKE SEPTEMBER 14. UNIONS COVERING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AND GROUND CREWS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL SUPPORT THIS STRIKE ACTION PROTESTING COST OF LIVING INCREASES. ALTHOUGH MILITARY AIR CONTROLLERS WILL REPLACE STRIKERS AND SOME COMPANIES EXPECT TO HAVE GROUND CREWS AVAILABLE, INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL AIR TRAVEL IN COLOMBIA WILL PROBABLY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS STOPPAGE, AT LEAST ON SEPTEMBER 14. TIME LIMIT ON STRIKE COULD BE EXTENDED PAST THE 24-HOUR LIMIT IF STRIKE LEADERS ARE ARRESTED AND/OR IF STRIKERS ARE DISMISSED, AND EXTREME LEFT WING UNION REPRESENTING GROUND EMPLOYEES OF MAJOR AIR CARRIERS IS LIKELY TO TRY PROLONG STRIKE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

2. INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT COLOMBIAN AIRPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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FACILITIES MAY BE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 14, AND OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS MAY EXTEND PAST THAT DATE.  
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